I am strongly opposed to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Like Clear Channel Communications' move to ban music by the Dixie Chicks from their stations after a comment that was critical of President Bush, this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. I resent that large companies have the opportunity to monopolize the airwaves in the interest of preserving their ability to push a political agenda. This is a vicious cycle that the FCC needs to end, and the commission should defend the public from such self-serving actions. It's my hope that the FCC is ready to act in the public's interest--not those of private corporations.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.